

**REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004.

Firstly, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation Examiner's allowance of claim 38.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant amends the section in the Specification entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" to provide the numbers and status of the applications/patents related to this application.

The Examiner stated that claims 7, 11-12, 14-16, 23, 41-42, and 47-51 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. Applicant amends claims 7, 11-12, 14-16, 23, 41-42, 47-48, and 50-51 in the manner indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action. Claim 48 is further amended to correct a minor typographical error involving paragraph indentation. These claims are therefore now allowable. Claim 49 has been canceled.

The Examiner also stated that claims 5, 8-10, 19-20, 24-29, and 45-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicant amends claim 5, 19, 20, and 24 to rewrite the claims in independent form, and to include the limitations cited in the claims upon which claims 5, 19, 20, and 24 previously depended. Amended claim 5, 19, 20, and 24 are therefore allowable. Claims 8-10, which have been amended to pluralize the term *evaporation*

*chamber*, all depend on claim 5, and are therefore also allowable. Likewise, claims 25-29, and 45-46 all depend from allowable claim 24 and therefore are also allowable.

Applicant also amends claims 11, 12, and 14 to pluralize the term *evaporation chamber* and thereby make them consistent with the claims on which they depend. Applicant further amends claims 42 to provide that the claim is for "an evaporator-and-condenser unit as defined in claim 41" and not "a method".

Applicant also cancels rejected claims 1-4, 17-18, 39-40, and 43-44.

The foregoing amendments implement the changes that the Examiner requested. Since they therefore place the claims in condition for allowance or at least reduce the issues for appeal, they are of the type for which Rule 116 was intended. Applicant accordingly requests their entry.

Applicant encloses a check for \$258 to cover the additional-claims fee. Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Respectfully submitted,

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